

WHEN LYDDY'S COME.
I wish that I could go again
To that old spinning school,
Where we had fun on winter nights,
And helped to play the fool.
I should believe just like you,
And dropped the ball in thumb,
Watching the door with anxious fear
Lest Lyddy shouldn't come.
When Lyddy, standing straight and trim,
Began her run to cheer the crowd,
My heart went racing up and down,
Worse than the warring Jew;
I put a k in caraway,
And public in a hummed tune,
And Friday's I changed off for 7,
All just 'cause Lyddy'd come.
Bill Rogers he was worse than I,
If such a thing could be;
And I know once spelled machine,
With a double e;
But let us get our letters set
Most anyway, but plumb;
On side was always there to beat
On nights when Lyddy'd come.
What prickles ran all down our backs,
How still the room would grow,
While master tried some word to find
That Lyddy didn't know!
Phibic and schism, gneiss and chrisom,
Oh, what we sat and mused,
For there was nothing else to do
On nights when Lyddy'd come!

MY LITTLE ADVENTURE.

By Willis B. Allen.

WE WERE both well tired out,
One July evening in 1888, when we
reached Chamounix, Fred, my old Latin
school classmate, could bear mountain
climbing, and, what was worse, I, so that,
back riding, much better than I, so that,
while I was glad to find my way to my
room, in the top of the queer old hotel,
at an early hour in the evening, Fred
remained in the parlor, busily studying
maps and guides for an excursion
over the Mer de Glace to the "Garden,"
a small, fertile spot, surrounded by
eternal ice, in the very heart of the
mountains.
Next morning he was off at four
o'clock, leaving me to spend the day
quietly in the valley. I was disturbed
but once more before rising; this time
by a herd of goats, who scrambled along
my window, with bells tinkling
merrily enough.
In the course of the forenoon I strolled
away, took a look at the glacier, and
the course of the Arve for a little while,
and then, striking off at right angles
under the banks of a small brook, which
joins the larger stream just above the
village.
The air was soft and sweet with summer
sunlight, and the breath of the
silent forests, reaching from my feet
higher and higher, until the forest rank
looked on these desolate, glittering
fields of snow that crown Mount Blanc.
Beside the brook the velvet turf was
dotted with wild forget-me-nots and
pansies, growing there as confidently as
if they were not in the very track of last
year's avalanche.
At length I came to a spot where the
brook had in ages past strewn its own
path with fragments of huge rocks,
which it had loosened and thrown down
from some far-off height, where the
foot of man never trod.
One gigantic boulder lay completely
across the original bed of the stream,
and rose like a wall beside the water,
that turned out of its way, and ran off
with a good-natured murmur.
The sun here lay warm and bright,
just counteracting the chill breeze that
came from the glaciers through the
narrow gorge. I gathered a few dry
sticks, kindled a fire, just for company,
and nestled comfortably down into an
easy corner to read the rocks, the brook,
the sky, and, if there were time left,
my book, which, I remember rightly,
was "Redgauntlet."
How long I sat there I cannot tell.
It must have been two or three hours,
for it was past noon when I looked
at my watch, threw the smoldering
firebrands into the brook and rose to
return to the hotel.
As I did so, I noticed half a dozen
footsteps in the steep, sandy bank that
formed the side of the ravine at this
point. It suddenly occurred to me that
I had read in my guide book, while I
was sitting in my own room, six months
before, of a certain waterfall, which,
from the description, must surely be on
this zig-zag path, that we had seen as
we rode along the valley, on our way
from Tete Noire, late the preceding
afternoon.
I was feeling much refreshed and
rested by my siesta, and, by a short cut
over this embankment, I could doubtless
strike that path after three or four
minutes' scramble, as some one had evi-
dently done before me.
So I would have a little adventure,
and see one of the sights of Chamounix
all by myself.
Certainly there was nothing rash in
this resolve, or formidable in the under-
taking, though a certain feebleness
resulting from a recent ill trip to Gen-
eva should have warned me against
faking my strength too severely.
At any rate, at 11 I went, laughing
at the easiness of the ascent as I fol-
lowed the broad footsteps of my pre-
decessor. My calculation was that I
should come out on the path at a point
75 to 100 feet above my starting place.
Before I had proceeded far, however,
the convenient tracks abruptly ceased.
Beyond, and on each side, there was
nothing but the gravelly bank, with
here and there a big rock, which seemed
ready to drop at the slightest touch.
Mainly enough, the first older bank
had become discouraged at this point, and
had picked his way to the bottom again.
As I looked back, I was startled to ob-
serve the elevation which I had reached,
and I involuntarily crouched closer to
the earth, with a sensation as of tipping
over backwards.
The movement, slight as it was, dis-
lodged a clump of stones and sand,
which went rolling and plunging down
at a great rate to the brook, the sound
of whose waters now were hardly audib-
le. No wonder the man had given it
up! Should I go on, or literally back
down, as he had done?
My determination was stirred, and, al-
though I heartily wished Fred was on
hand with his sympathetic courage, I
resolved to complete what I had be-
gun.
It was tough work. Hands and knees
now—and carefully placed every time,
at least.
Once I very nearly lost my balance
by the unexpected yielding of a large
stone, which gave way under my foot.
How fearfully long it was before I
heard it smite on the boulders below!
I knew if I slipped, or missed one step,
the impetus of a yard would send me
after the stone. As I looked over my
shoulder, it seemed like clinging to the
slope of a cathedral roof, where a puff
of wind might be fatal.
There was no question now as to the
course I must take. It was "Excelsior!"
In sober earnest—only I didn't have the
inspiration of a maiden, with a tear in

her bright blue eye, looking on.
Steeper and steeper! I was panting
heavily in the rarified atmosphere, and
trembling from exhaustion. It was so
terribly lonely. Nothing but the dark
forms of the trees, the waste of ice and
snow, and now and then a bird, wing-
ing its way silently over the gulf, until
my brain whirled as I watched its slow
flight.
By-to-morrow they would miss me,
and organize a search, with Fred at
their head. They would find my foot-
prints beside the brook, where I had
leaped carelessly across after passing;
then they would come upon the black
and treacherous of the little fire, and the
loosened gravel of the steep bank; they
would look upward with a shudder, and
search the harder. Pretty soon one of
them would lean over a crevice among
the boulders, shrink back with a cry of
horror and beckon to the others. Al-
though I failed by one step!
But still I worked on laboriously,
often pausing for giddiness or a want
of breath, and digging with my finger-
nails little hollows in the hard bank
for my feet.
Once or twice a long, tough root of
grass saved me, and very soon, to my
joy, straggling bushes, strong enough
to support a few pounds of weight,
thrust their tops through the sand bed.
Then came scrubby trees, cedar and
fir, oftentimes growing straight out
from a vertical face of rock, and quiver-
ing from root to tip as I drew myself
cautiously up.
I shall never forget the agony of the
moment when one of them came out
entirely, and let me fall backward. For-
tunately its comrades were near enough
to save me, though it was with rough
hands.
To shorten the story, I climbed at last
upon a small, level spot, which
proved to be the longest-for path.
Following it painfully up for a few
rods, I reached a little hut, where I
found a kind old French woman, who
refreshed me with food and drink,
helped to make my tattered clothes
presentable and held up her hands
after the demon. Live fashion of her
nation when she heard of my climb.
"His name," she said, "is Chamounix."
"Janniss, monsieur; janniss, janniss!"
(Never, monsieur; never, never.)
And could she tell me the height
from the valley?
A thousand feet! Well, I had had
mountain climbing enough for one day,
and after a visit to the Cascade, which
was close by, I hobbled down the easy
path and back to the hotel, to read
"Redgauntlet" until bedtime.
When Fred got back and heard the
story, his eyes were round enough, as he
declared he would not leave me behind,
to play his part in the play we came in
sight of the Curandier in East Bos-
ton. And he kept his promise—Gold-
en Days.
AFFECTS MANUFACTURERS.
New Tariff Rates on Coal Pelt on the
Pacific Coast.
A change of importance to the manu-
facturing interests of the Pacific coast
has been made by the new tariff, if the
understanding now entertained is the
correct one. Its importance is suggest-
ed in a note of instruction given by Col-
lector Jackson to the deputy collectors
in the following communication:
"In view of the standard fixed by the
new tariff of 92 per cent. of fixed car-
bon as the line of demarcation between
anthracite and bituminous coal, you will
accept a deposit on all cargoes here-
tofore passed as anthracite from Swan-
sea."
Under the old tariff coal that exceed-
ed 68 per cent. of fixed carbon was rated
as anthracite coal and was admitted
free of duty.
Most of the coal imported here from
Swansea ranged from 89 to 90 per cent.,
and so came in free. Under the new tar-
iff it will nearly all be rated as bitumin-
ous and will be charged a duty of 67
cents a ton. The instructions given by
the collector for the purpose of securing a
deposit equal to the duty before releasing
such coal.
Immense quantities of Swansea coal
are annually imported at San Fran-
cisco port for consumption on the
Pacific coast, mostly for manu-
facturing purposes. The kind of coal
with which it comes mostly
in competition is the Pennsylvania
anthracite. Whether the duty is suffi-
cient to cover the difference in the cost
of transportation from Pennsylvania or
not remains to be seen. If it does not,
the result, it is said, will be simply to
increase the cost of this kind of coal to
the manufacturers who use it.
GARDEN IN A BARREL.
A Flat Dweller's Scheme for Growing
Strawberries.
A strawberry patch on wheels! This
is the latest West side novelty in market
gardening, and it is a brilliant and
practical success. Its owner has not a
square inch of yard space, yet he raised
enough strawberries to eat his very dear
delicious fruit, and fewer than seven peo-
ple seldom sit at his board.
The garden consists of a large empty
sugar barrel on a stout platform fitted
with wheels. The owner then, with an
inch and a quarter auger, circled the
barrel with rows of holes. The dis-
tance between the rows was six inches,
and the holes in each row were five
inches apart. The first row of holes
was a foot from the bottom of the bar-
rel.
Next he made two pilgrimages to the
nearest greenhouse, bringing from the
latter in his wheelbarrow a small load
of coarse gravel and a sufficient quan-
tity of rich, sandy loam.
The gravel was placed in the bottom
of the barrel to a depth of six or eight
inches. Over this was sprinkled a thin
layer of well-rotted fertilizer, and upon
this was placed five inches of the sandy
loam. This process was repeated until
the barrel was filled.
Meantime, as each layer of soil was
built up, the roots of a choice and
thrifty strawberry plant were inserted
into every auger hole and carefully im-
bedded in the loam. The top of the
barrel was also set with as many plants
as the space allowed and the perpen-
dicular strawberry patch on wheels was
finished. Now he finds his chief
satisfaction in the fact that the berries
which dangle from his barrel are of the
finest possible quality.
According to his experience the vines
in his barrel are not only more thrifty
and prolific than any he has seen grow-
ing in an ordinary patch, but the free-
dom of the fruit from sand and dirt is a
most enjoyable advantage. There is no
weeding or other disagreeable task to
be done in garden, and the care of
this barrel garden, and the labor
which it requires is so slight as to be a
pleasure rather than otherwise.—N. Y. Herald.
Hunting Whales with Electricity.
A Canadian ship captain has invented
an apparatus with which he thinks
whales can be killed by electric shock;
says the New York Post. A harpoon is
fixed at the end of a long metallic cable,
properly insulated, and which serves in
place of the usual rope. Through this
cable electric current of 10,000 volts is to
be sent by means of a dynamo carried
in the whaleboat.—Philadelphia Press.

Cures Talk

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Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to get.

GENTLE JEAN INGELWOL.

Her Life of Modesty, Contentment, and Tranquil Resignation.

Jeann Ingelwol, who died recently in London, seemed curiously out of place in the literary life of the day when any writer who has done anything to attract attention lives so much in the public eye. Jeann Ingelwol's career was quiet and gentle in its course. The greater part of her work, however, was done at a period previous to that in which the public interest in celebrities was as fully gratified as it is to-day. For nearly a century of a century she had been neglected by the world in spite of the great popularity that her earlier writings had won. But it is certainly notable that a writer who was esteemed the most popular woman poet of her day, whose books in her country ran through 23 editions and in the United States were sold to the number of 200,000, should never have been reviewed. But this was one of Miss Ingelwol's distinctions.

Probably this resulted from the horror of publicity which had always pre-
vented her from appearing in gather-
ings of notable persons. It is said that
she would not even accept invitations
to dinners at which the company was
likely to be made up too much of well-
known persons. There was one series
of entertainments in which she in-
dulged herself for many years. Three
times a week she invited to dinner at
her house the poor people lately dis-
charged from the hospitals in the neigh-
borhood, and it is said that in her own
view of the world the dinner table was
a place much more adapted to such
practical charity than to poetry. Her ac-
quaintance was not limited, however,
to persons so distant from her own
sphere. Many eminent literary men
of the time were among her intimate
friends. Ruskin was one of these, and
he is said to have taken particular
pleasure in her society—Lord Tennyson
was another, and her personal set had
included Dante Gabriel Rossetti, James
Russell Lowell, Oliver Wendell Holmes,
and many others of almost equal fame.

Miss Ingelwol was born in a small
town in Lincolnshire, where her father
was a banker, and, although she had
lived for many years previous to her
death in Kensington, it is said that her
sister, modest manners never lost the
quality that her early life in the coun-
try had given them. She was never
a beauty, although her face was never
definitely attractive in its sweetness and
variability of expression to the persons
who knew her. Although as a child of
five she had shown a wonderful sensi-
tiveness to rhythm, her first poems
were not published until she was 43
years old. The book was published
anonymously at her own expense.
When the small edition was exhausted
her publisher advised her that it would
not be wise to attempt the experiment
of another issue. But the great popu-
larity that her work suddenly achieved
proved the fallacy of that counsel. She
became suddenly famous, and it was
not long before all the eminent writers
of the day had made her acquaintance.
She and her mother had moved to Ken-
sington, and this sudden extension of
her acquaintance was not without its
embarrassment to a woman whose pre-
vious life had been so quiet.

She had not read a great deal before
she began her career as a poet, and she
attributed much of the freshness of her
verse to this circumstance. The suc-
cess of her first volume was never re-
peated. The public would never be at-
tracted to her succeeding works as it
had been to the verses that made their
appearance so modestly in 1863. For
many years before her death she had
known nothing of the delights that the
golden years of her fame were limited
to little more than a decade—had
brought so unexpectedly to her. But it
is said that her gentle, optimistic
nature never showed any resentment
at the indifference of the public. She
was eminently hopeful, contented, and
determined to take the sunniest view of
life. Her natural disposition luckily
made this attitude the easiest for her.
So she was never heard to complain of
the fickleness of the public taste, which
for many years had left her quite out
of its thoughts.—N. Y. Sun.

Pine Bark Bonts.

Everybody is familiar with the birch-
bark boats, or canoes, of the American
Indians, but the fact is not so well
known that some of the aboriginal in-
habitants of the western shore of this
continent were accustomed to make
boats of pine bark. A model of one of
these in the Smithsonian museum
served as the basis for a talk by
Prof. Otis T. Mason on the evolution
of boats. The boat in question was, he
said, an exact representation of those
in use along certain parts of the Colum-
bia river. It is made of the whole skin
of a pine tree, which is turned inside
out, the ends being cut obliquely and
drawn together in such a manner that
the vessel has a pointed ram under water
at each end. Directly across the bow
the heavy rain of the Columbia is the
River Amur, in Asia. Prof. Mason
thinks the fact that similar boats are
found on the Amur may have a bearing
on the problem of former emigration
from Asia to North America.—Youth's
Companion.

Under One Umbrella.

On a quiet thoroughfare off St.
Charles there might have been seen dur-
ing the heavy rain the other afternoon
a shaggy Newfoundland dog carrying
a spread umbrella in his mouth, his drip-
ping tail sticking out from under and
wagging complacently. Investigation
revealed the fact that there was a little
girl under the umbrella with the dog,
her tiny arm thrown around his neck, and
the two tripping along most amiably.
"My name is Marie," said the little
maid, upon being questioned, "and this
is Beauregard, my own dog. Yes, he
brings me to school with me. I go to
the kindergarten, you know, and he al-
ways carries the umbrella if it's rain-
ing, because I can't, you see, and he
can."—N. O. Cor. Philadelphia Times.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

FARMERS AND WHEELMEN.

Why They Should Work Together in the Good Roads Crusade.

Otto Dornier, of Milwaukee, Wis., chairman of the good roads bureau of the League of American Wheelmen, recently delivered an excellent road address before the Chautauqua assembly at Dixon, Ill. His remarks related especially to the attitude of the league towards the farmers, and its essential features, embodied in the following article, cannot fail to be of general interest.

Now the great question before us, said Mr. Dornier, how shall we obtain better country highways. The question is not, do we need good roads, but how shall we get them? Road building in the United States has been left entirely in the hands of the farmers and in charge of the local town authorities. These local authorities as a rule have no knowledge of the science of road building, and 50 years of experience has shown a great deal of labor wasted



OTTO DORNIER.

(Known as the Apostle of Good Roads.)

and vast amounts of road taxes collected in vain.

In many places our roads to-day are no better than they were 20 and 30 years ago. A radical improvement in the system itself must be made.

The League of American Wheelmen has been the subject of much criticism on account of its agitation for better highways. We have been accused of selfishness in the matter.

It is believed by many that we wheelmen expect farmers to load themselves up with taxes that they might build roads for the convenience of bicycle riders. No greater mistake could be made. We of the League of American Wheelmen who are engaged in this agitation for better roads feel that the farmer to-day bears his full share of public taxes, and that they should not be unnecessarily added to. We feel that a mistake has been made in the past in expecting farmers alone to pay for building roads, and in leaving the entire responsibility for our roads in their hands. The farmers of the United States are but a fraction of our population, and they are by no means the only ones who will profit by the construction of good roads. It is claimed that in the state of New York every farmer is obliged to build roads for eight persons out of the state population. Why should not the other seven contribute to their cost?

While good roads would save the farmers immense amounts in hauling products, this saving would indirectly benefit the whole population. Neither is the farmer the only one who travels the country highways. Country merchants, doctors and professional men, peddlers, pleasure seekers, and last but not least the wheelmen, would be directly benefited by good roads. It is unjust, therefore, that the farmer alone should pay for building these roads.

I am glad of an opportunity to say

to a gathering of farmers that the League of American Wheelmen proposes to help them in bringing about a proper division of the cost of good roads, so that the city people, the capitalists, merchants and manufacturers, the wealthy corporations, railroad, insurance and telephone companies; in fact every class of people shall contribute to the cost of building them. The League of American Wheelmen believes that many of our country roads should be built by state aid; that a part of the cost of good roads should be paid out of a state tax, which would be levied upon all property and all classes of people alike, so that every taxpayer shall contribute a proportionate amount, according to the amount of property he owns. We propose that the states shall help to build roads and to divide their total cost between the people of the locality, who are most directly benefited, and the adjoining property owners whose land rises in value as a result of the improvement, and the state, as representing the entire population. This is not a Utopian plan; it is not a theory only, but has been adopted in practice with great success in New Jersey, in Connecticut, in Rhode Island and, in a modified form, in Massachusetts. New Jersey has become famous for the fine roads she has built. These were constructed by a state aid system under which their cost is divided about as I have indicated. The farmers of New Jersey are enthusiastic over this state aid system, and the towns and counties are glad to pay their share of the cost of these roads so long as the state pays its part. The country districts in New Jersey are overwhelming the state authorities with petitions to assist in the improvement of local roads, and the legislature cannot appropriate funds for the purpose sufficient to meet the demands from the farmers. The New Jersey commissioner of public roads

tells me that a large part of his time is occupied listening to the pleadings of farmers that the roads in their districts shall be the first to receive the benefit of state aid.

Our suggestion of state aid is now also being advocated by the leading representative farmers of the United States as the best solution of this great road-building question. The farmers' national congress has passed resolutions in favor of state aid, and Mr. John M. Stahl, the able and energetic secretary of that organization, is one of its warmest advocates. He has written extensively upon the subject, and has assisted us in our work for state aid before the legislatures. In New York state, in Connecticut, in Pennsylvania and in Wisconsin, the League of American Wheelmen and the farmers' organizations have worked hand in hand for state aid. This is the strongest endorsement which could be given to the efforts of the League of American Wheelmen, and shows that they are aimed in the right direction.

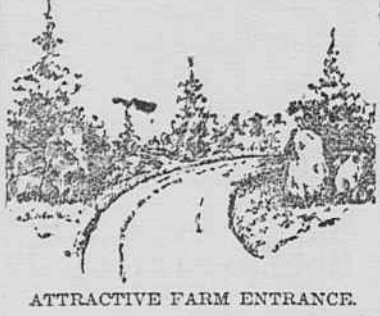
All classes alike are beginning to realize the great economic importance of permanent highways. Farmers feel that they have too long been compelled to build and improve country roads at their own expense, and they are entitled to state support in this great necessary public improvement. Upon these lines, and upon these lines alone, the good roads improvement is bound to succeed, and will succeed, and upon these lines the League of American Wheelmen proposes to keep up its agitation, with the help of the farmers of the United States, until our common roads, neglected until now, the stepchildren, as it were, of a great republic, shall have received at the hands of our legislatures some of that tender care and nursing which has been extended in the past to canals, to steamship lines and to railroads, many of which have grown up almost entirely at public expense.

ARTISTIC ENTRANCE.

How to Make the Approach to a Farm House Attractive.

First impressions are generally lasting. The first impression of a man's farm often comes from the appearance

of the entrance driveway. If it is simply a track up through a field, or if one must pass through a "pair of bars" in order to reach the house, the impression is not apt to be particularly pleasing. The making of a handsome entrance to one's home is not so much a matter of expense as of materials and good taste. The materials for making the entrance shown in the accompanying illustration are to be found on most of our northern farms, or in the immediate vicinity. All that is needed is a proper arrangement, a wise planting of trees and shrubbery, and a properly laid-out roadway, to make a handsome entrance. The road should enter on a curve, and the entrance should be flanked on either side by a thick growth of trees and shrubs. Two large boulders are selected for posts on either side, and other smaller boulders make up the wall. This is designed as the foundation over which our common wooden bridge shall be raised. Such a wall, and entrance posts well covered with the wonderfully thrifty and handsome vine, will make a sight the eye will love to dwell upon; and the owner of such an entrance can feel assured that his place will be much more highly respected in the eyes of passers-by.



ATTRACTIVE FARM ENTRANCE.

Without It Road Building Cannot Be Made a Success.

There is one fault frequently committed in the use of the road machine; there is an insufficient escape allowed for water. Those who operate the machines object to being bothered by bays, or the so-called "raining eye, marmas." So these are not being put in their places as they should be.

If there is a short sag to be filled, it can probably be done from material at the sides by using drag scrapers, then dress up with a road machine, or if the soil is a stiff clay or mud, haul on gravel, rock, shale or sand, if they are available. If not, the embankment should be raised to an extra height to give a quick drainage.

The worst feature in the working of the roads is that they are made the gutters of the country.

The ditch on the upper side of the road gathers all the water from the fields above the road and carry it to the foot of the hill; the ditch on the lower side gathers all the water coming from the road, and between the two our road systems are being washed out.

Drainage can and should be provided to get the water outside of the road limits at short intervals. Water is a poor road material. Keep it from getting on the roads where possible.—Kenyon (Mich.) Leader.

A Rhyme with a Moral.
The narrow tire dies a rat.
The wider tire rolls it shut.

HINTS FOR THE BATH.

Intended for the Benefit of the Ladies.

Bathing after a nap is injurious.

A rough bathing towel is better for any kind of a bath than a smooth one.

For protecting the hair during a shower bath or in a large plunge a cap of waterproof silk is light and comfortable.

The rule is: Hot water for the head, tub, cold water for the shower bath, water of normal temperature for the plunge.

It is hardly necessary to remind the bather that weakened digestion is the result of bathing within an hour of a full meal.

If the temperature of the bath water is either above or below normal the face and edges of the hair should be thoroughly moistened with the water before the plunge is made.

One should never stay in a tub bath more than ten minutes, nor in a shower bath over two. In a plunge bath one may safely stay 20 minutes, as the exercise prevents bad effects.

A return from a dusty trip or a ride in the wind should be followed by a hot rather than a cold bath. The escaping steam induces perspiration and the hot water washes out the fine dust.

If one is contemplating the necessity of exposure to sun or wind a cold water bath is better than a warm one, as it toughens the skin and makes it firmer in its resistance to unfavorable conditions.

The strained juice of three lemons, if put in the bath water, will give one a delicious sense of cleanliness. The acid removes all stoppage of the pores caused by the accumulation of saline substances.

The bather who has had recommended to her cold water baths and who cannot overcome her repugnance of them may be sure that this shrinking is the warning of a delicate constitution that the treatment is too drastic.

By procuring two cents' worth of coarse rock salt and allowing it a little time to dissolve the equivalent of a sea bath may be had. This is a healthful way of bathing, as salt invigorates the skin and quickens the action of the glands in the skin.

The luxurious maid who is in the habit of putting toilet perfumes in the water of her bath will find a mixture of the same quantity of pure alcohol with a few drops of handkerchief perfume more satisfactory and, being less liable to adulteration, helpful, not harmful, to the skin.—Chicago Chronicle.

Salad Dressing.

Every young woman should learn to mix a salad dressing for the lettuce and tomatoes that are now such cool and palatable delicacies. Salt, pepper, vinegar and oil are the only necessary ingredients, and each individual must practice mixing them until she gets the proportions that exactly suit her taste. The oil should be added last, dropped slowly while beating the dressing with a fork. One can make it in a tablespoon, but a small sauce dish is better. To do this gracefully at the table requires practice.—Leisure Hours.

His Only Recourse.

Customer—I want a copy of the prescription you filled the other day.

Druggist—I'll have to give you the original.

"Why?"

"To tell the truth, I can't read what it says."—N. Y. Journal.

BEWARE OF MORPHINE.

Mrs. Pinkham's Urgent Appeal to Suffering Women.

She Asks Them to Seek Permanent Cures and Not Mere Temporary Relief From Pain.

Special forms of suffering lead many a woman to acquire the morphia habit.

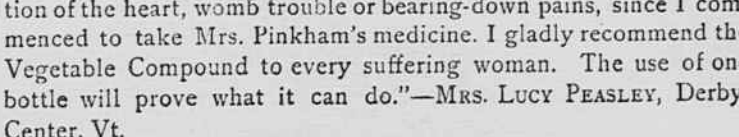
One of these forms of suffering is a dull, persistent pain in the side, accompanied by heat and throbbing. There is disinclination to work, because work only increases the pain.

This is only one symptom of a chain of troubles; she has others she cannot bear to confide to her physician, for fear of an examination, the terror of all sensitive, modest women.

The physician, meantime, knows her condition, but cannot combat her shrinking terror. He yields to her supplication for something to relieve the pain. He gives her a few morphia tablets, with very grave caution as to their use. Foolish woman! She thinks morphia will help her right along; she becomes its slave!

A wise and a generous physician had such a case; he told his patient he could do nothing for her, as she was too nervous to undergo an examination. In despair, she went to visit a friend. She said to her, "Don't give yourself up; just go to the nearest druggist's and buy a bottle of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It will build you up. You will begin to feel better with the first bottle." She did so, and after the fifth bottle her health was re-established. Here is her own letter about it:

"I was very miserable; was so weak that I could hardly get around the house, could not do any work without feeling tired out. My monthly periods had stopped and I was so tired and nervous all of the time. I was troubled very much with falling of the womb and bearing-down pains. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; I have taken five bottles, and think it is the best medicine I ever used. Now I can work, and feel like myself. I used to be troubled greatly with my head, but I have had no bad headaches or palpitation of the heart, womb trouble or bearing-down pains, since I commenced to take Mrs. Pinkham's medicine. I gladly recommend the Vegetable Compound to every suffering woman. The use of one bottle will prove what it can do."—MRS. LUCY PEASLEY, Derby, Center, Vt.



Without It Road Building Cannot Be Made a Success.

There is one fault frequently committed in the use of the road machine; there is an insufficient escape allowed for water. Those who operate the machines object to being bothered by bays, or the so-called "raining eye, marmas." So these are not being put in their places as they should be.

If there is a short sag to be filled, it can probably be done from material at the sides by using drag scrapers, then dress up with a road machine, or if the soil is a stiff clay or mud, haul on gravel, rock, shale or sand, if they are available. If not, the embankment should be raised to an extra height to give a quick drainage.

The worst feature in the working of the roads is that they are made the gutters of the country.

The ditch on the upper side of the road gathers all the water from the fields above the road and carry it to the foot of the hill; the ditch on the lower side gathers all the water coming from the road, and between the two our road systems are being washed out.

Drainage can and should be provided to get the water outside of the road limits at short intervals. Water is a poor road material. Keep it from getting on the roads where possible.—Kenyon (Mich.) Leader.

A Rhyme with a Moral.

The narrow tire dies a rat.

The wider tire rolls it shut.

HINTS FOR THE BATH.

Intended for the Benefit of the Ladies.

Bathing after a nap is injurious.

A rough bathing towel is better for any kind of a bath than a smooth one.

For protecting the hair during a shower bath or in a large plunge a cap of waterproof silk is light and comfortable.

The rule is: Hot water for the head, tub, cold water for the shower bath, water of normal temperature for the plunge.

It is hardly necessary to remind the bather that weakened digestion is the result of bathing within an hour of a full meal.

If the temperature of the bath water is either above or below normal the face and edges of the hair should be thoroughly moistened with the water before the plunge is made.

One should never stay in a tub bath more than ten minutes, nor in a shower bath over two. In a plunge bath one may safely stay 20 minutes, as the exercise prevents bad effects.

A return from a dusty trip or a ride in the wind should